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16th October, 1959.COCOM Document No. 3722BCOORDINATING COMMITTEEMEMORANDUM BY THE GERMAN DELEGATIONEXCEPTION REQUEST CONCERNING THE EXPORT OF180 Kms. OF RAILWAY SIGNALLING CABLE TO BULGARIA.

The German Delegation have the honour to submit the following exception request to the Committee.

The Bulgarian State Railways intend to electrify the railway line from Sofia to Turkey via Plovdiv. The work of electrification is to be completed by the end of 1960. In a first stage, work will begin on the Sofia-Plovdiv line. The electric locomotives will be delivered by the Soviet Union, while the conduction equipment is to be supplied by the German Federal Republic.

The Bulgarian State Railways have asked for an estimate for the delivery of 180 Kms. of 28-pair railway signalling cables. The copper mains, 1.2 mm. in diameter, will be sheathed in aluminium. Bulgaria asks also for the required accessories and for 5 Kms. of station-approach cables having from one to thirty pairs with copper mains of 1.2 mm. diameter, sheathed in lead. The cables are covered by the definition of Item 1526. The value of the order is approximately \$ 477,000.

Fourteen pairs of the signalling cable will be loaded and will be used for communications between the terminal posts at stations and intermediary halts. Ten non-loaded pairs are to serve for intercommunication between the various block-stations and for liaison with the watchmen on the line. After the whole of the line from Sofia to Turkey is finished, it is planned to equip four non-loaded pairs with four 12-channel frequency-carrying systems. In the case of the line between Sofia and Plovdiv, a single 12-channel frequency-carrying system is provided for.

The cable-laying will be carried out under the supervision of German technicians, who will also control the installation of the equipment.

Before continuing negotiations with the Bulgarian authorities, the German firms wish for assurances that they will be able to obtain an export licence upon conclusion of the contract.

The German authorities are of opinion that this export will serve the interests of the Free World, since it will facilitate and speed up international traffic on this section of the Orient-Express line. The German Federal Republic State railways support this request and believe that the other railway companies interested in this line are also in favour of its electrification. In these circumstances the German authorities wish to issue the licence and hope that the Committee will give their approval to this request, which is submitted as an ad hoc case in accordance with the introduction to COCOM Document 3620.

The German Delegation would be glad to have the Committee's views as soon as possible.

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